Bridgewater Oct 29, 1879

Hon. Solr Lincoln

My dear friend

Your favor of the 27th inst. is rec'd and in reply to your inquiries I have to state that I was elected to the 29th & 30th Congresses at the Nov. election in 1846

I received the nomination to the 29th Congress in 1844, and after 8 unsuccessful trials during the two years and during which time I had twice informed the Whig committee of my desire to withdraw, at the convention in 1846 I was again nominated to the 29th & 30th Congress and at the Nov. election of that year I was elected to both - serving but one session of the 29th & the whole of the 30th

In regard to the letter of Mr Bayless to which you allude I had in reply to a letter from William Davis, which was published, made known my determination not to be a candidate for re-election to the 31st Congress and the letter of Mr Bayless & others was an urgent request for me to consent to have my name used again. This was in 1848—

In looking over some of my old papers yesterday I accidentally found a copy of the votes given at the 9 trials which resulted in my election, and thinking it may serve to amuse you a little I annex a copy —

My health continues quite good With great regard I am as ever your sincere friend Solomon Hale

Statement of Votes in the 9th Ten
Congressional district for member of Ten
Congress for 29th & 30th

	Hale	Williams	Swan	Scatg
1st Dist	5675	6129	1079	24
2 "	4338	4334	679	34
3 "	4557	4391	697	250
4 "	3624	5903	682 Wheaton	157
5 "	3197	3219 Reid	697	199
6 "	4412	4542	958	089
7 "	3135	3070	598	139
8 "	4100	4970 Hooper	684	123
9 "	4881	3599	998	186
30th Congress	4937	3718	1023	182

For 29 —	Hale	4881	30th	Hale	4937
Hooper	3599	4783	Hooper	3718	4923
Wheaton	998	098	Wheaton	1023	14
Scatg	186		Scatg	182	
	4723			4923	